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Dear Sir,

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE ACT OF SRI LANKA INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS (SLIA)**

1. I refer to your letter dated 2020/12/23 reference no: 4/1/2/931 which was received belatedly and subsequent reminder dated 2021/01/15. We vehemently object and disagree with the following portion of the amendment which has been proposed by the Sri Lanka Institute of Architects.

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***The practice of architecture also encompasses aspects of realizing buildings and structures, management, administration of projects and inspection of construction and documentation which includes drawings and specifications and other technical inputs.***

***The practice of architecture shall be carried out solely by persons and entities qualified in Architecture registered with the Architects Registration Board established as per Section 8A of this Act."***

2. There are many individual buildings and building projects which are managed, administered, and inspected by Chartered Engineers and Graduate Engineers, majority of whom are members of the institution of Engineers.
3. The Engineers historically as well as presently involved in preparation of documents (technical, contract), drawings, specifications and other technical inputs. This is a clear enforcement and a right in the practice of Engineering. In the present day high tech buildings, the input in Engineering is very much more than the input of Architecture which only deals with aesthetics and layout. For building construction, inputs/services Engineers have to provide are ground investigations, soil investigations, design and construction of foundations, design and construction of basements,

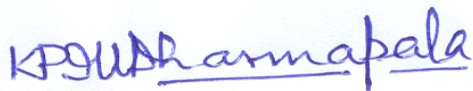
design and construction of superstructures, designing and installation of environment management systems (air-conditioning, lighting), designing and installation of electrical and energy management systems, providing security systems, designing and installation of vertical and horizontal conveyance (Lifts, Escalators) systems, designing and installation of water supply, sewerage, effluent management systems, designing and construction of access roads and internal roads, etc.

4. Therefore, the implication in the proposed clause in the SLIA act, which attempts to exclude engineers from the practices listed above, will be a violation of professional rights of engineers and in a larger context will be causing jeopardy to safety and wellbeing of the general public hindering sustainable development. Needless to say that the theoretical knowledge, training and experience of an Architect are grossly inadequate to provide any of the services indicated under the point 3. Hence, allowing the profession of architecture to have a monopoly in the building industry through covertly expanding the field of their practice is damaging with long reaching implications to the industry as well as the nation.
5. Hence the IESL categorically disagrees with inclusion of the above mentioned sections in the practice of architecture.

Thank You.

Yours Faithfully,

**THE INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS, SRI LANKA**



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